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Honorable William D. Hathaway, Chairman
Subcommittee on Budget Authorization
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During my discussion with you and Senator Inouye on the question of whether an authorization, appropriation, or expenditure figure for intelligence activities should be released, if the Senate votes for public disclosure, you asked if article I, section 9, clause 7 of the Constitution would require the release of the figure for expenditures.

CIA's General Counsel and the Department of Justice have concluded that the Constitution does not require intelligence budget figures to be separately identified when overall Government expenditures are reported. The question of which figure to release then becomes strictly a policy question. If a figure is to be released, as you know, it is my recommendation that it be the amount appropriated for intelligence activities. I believe this figure would be the most informative to the American people, and would pose the least threat of additional, potentially damaging disclosures.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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